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HISTORIC MILLER HOUSE TO OPEN FOR THE SEASON

The historic Miller House, located approximately one mile north of the National Elk Refuge entrance on East Broadway Street in Jackson, Wyoming, will open for the 2006 season beginning Saturday, May 27. The building will be open to the public from 10 AM through 4 PM daily, seven days a week through Labor Day weekend.

The Miller Ranch represents the coming together of settlement, ranching and conservation in the Jackson Hole valley. The homesite and surrounding land was the first piece of property purchased for the National Elk Refuge, established in 1912. Since then, it has served as government offices and employee housing. When the house was vacated in May 2005 after a longtime employee's retirement, Refuge officials opened it to the public. Over 1,300 visitors toured the grounds last season.

The Miller House and two other Ranch buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Funding efforts are underway to complete restoration and rehabilitation work on the three buildings and install additional interpretive displays. The work is outlined in a Miller House Interpretive Plan that was completed in October 2005 through a joint cooperative effort with the University of Wyoming's American Studies Program, with long term plans to turn the Miller Ranch into a living history site. Though the Miller House still contains signs of modern use, visitors can tour the facilities, learn about the importance of the site, and enjoy the expansive views of the National Elk Refuge. In addition, the Grand Teton Natural History Association maintains a small sales outlet in the building.

For more information about the Miller House, contact the National Elk Refuge Headquarters at 307/733-9212, ext. 227 or visit the Jackson Hole & Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center at 532 North Cache Street in Jackson.

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